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WHERE ARE THE DEAD?

(By RICHARD J. HILL.)

(Continued from Last Week.)

We have reached the point on the stream of time where every earnest hearted person should say in the language of St. Paul, "Let God be true, though it prove every man a liar." (Rom. 3: 4.) Then let us settle the question according to the word of God. "The dead praise not the Lord, neither they that go down in silence." (Psalm 115: 17.) "His (man's) breath goeth forth, he returns to the dust; in that very day his thoughts perish." (Psalm 145: 4.) "For the living know that they shall die; but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy is now perished; neither have they any more a portion forever in anything that is under the sun. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave where thou goest." (Ecc. 9: 5, 6, 10.) Why should intelligent people pay large sums of money to priests (who are nothing but sinful men) to pray prayers for persons in this condition? The Psalmist says, "In death there is no remembrance of thee, in the grave who shall give thee thanks." (Psa. 6: 5.)

But I hear someone ask, "Is not there a Hell?" We answer, sure there is. But the Bible Hell is not a place of conscious torment, by forked tail devils or otherwise. The Hell mentioned in the Bible is the condition of death, oblivion, the tomb, the grave, or in other words it is a condition of non-existence. The only word in the Old Testament translated "hell" is the Hebrew word "sheol." It is translated more times "grave" than it is translated "hell" and means the same thing in each instance. We give a few samples.

Jacob, weighted down with grief because of the supposed death of his son Joseph, said, "I will go down to my son, Joseph in sheol (hell) mourning." (Gen. 37: 35.) Later when requested to send Benjamin to Egypt, he said, "My son Benjamin shall not go down with you to Egypt for if evil befalls him you will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to (sheol) hell." (Gen. 43: 38.) If hell means conscious torment in fire, we ask: "How long would the gray hairs of Jacob last in such a place? Would God make the gray hairs immortal in order to torment them?"

Job was a good and godly man. After he had suffered the loss of all his earthly possessions, his children killed, his wife became his enemy, his neighbors taunted him because of his suffering, his body putrid with running sores, suffering bodily pain and mental anguish, in this awful condition he prayed that God might send him to hell. "O, that thou wouldst hide me in hell (sheol) until thy wrath be passed." (Job 14: 13.) Does any sane person believe that Job prayed that he might go to a place to be tormented and suffer more agony than he was already suffering? If you were in his position would you ask to go to a place where you would be tormented forever? Job then defines hell. He says, "If I wait, hell is my house. I have made my bed in the darkness. Our rest is in the dust." (Job 17: 13-16.) If darkness, there could be no fire there. Again, he (Job) said concerning man, "His sons come to honor and he knoweth it not, they are brought low and he perceiveth it not." (Job 14: 21.)

Jehovah, through his prophets, foretold that Jesus would go to hell, and he did. He went to the same hell to which the other dead go, and he was dead until the third day, when God raised him. Referring to Him the Psalmist wrote, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell." (Psa. 16: 10.) This text is quoted with approval, by the apostle Peter in Acts 2: 27. If hell is a place of conscious torment, eternal in duration, then it would have been impossible for Jesus to have gotten out; where, as the scriptures conclusively prove that he was raised on the third day. The New Testament deals with the same hell. As we know, the New Testament is translated from the Greek and the Greek word "hades" means the same as the Hebrew word "sheol." In the Revised Version of the New Testament, the Greek word "hades" has been left untranslated. Evidently the translators were ashamed to translate it "hell" after the meaning of eternal torment had been attached to the word. Our Common Version renders three different words in the New Testament "hell" and the people have long been taught by a false bunch of preachers that these words mean eternal torture. In not a single instance, as is well known by every preacher, worth the name, and scholar, does the word "hell" as used in the scriptures mean a place of conscious torment. Aside from the Greek word "hades" there are two other words from which the

word "hell" is translated as appears in the New Testament; to-wit, Gehennam and Tartarus. We will examine some text on each of these.

Addressing himself to the people of Capernaum, Jesus said, "And thou Capernaum, which are exalted unto Heaven, shall be thrust down to hell." (Luke 19: 15.) I hope no one is so foolish as to think of Capernaum, the proud city with its lands, houses, and population in a place of eternal roasting. The people of Capernaum had been greatly favored and figuratively speaking, had been exalted highly in the standards of the peoples and nations, but because of their misuse of God's blessings they were told by the Lord Jesus that they as a people should be thrust down to hades that is to say, overthrown, destroyed, go into oblivion, or in other words, that proud city was to be brought to a condition the same as though it had never existed. It is a historic fact that Capernaum is so thoroughly buried in oblivion that not even the sight where it stood is definitely known.

Jesus addressed the people of that time in parables or dark sayings, hence, He used the symbolic language as above stated. "All these things spake Jesus unto the multitudes in parables, and without a parable, spake He not unto them." (Math. 13: 34.) Again he said, "Thou art Peter (Greek, petros) a rock or stone one of the living stones—strong minded, of strong character) and upon this rock (Greek) "petra," mass of rock, fundamental rock truth; the great truth that Jesus is the Christ. I will build my church (composed of faithful followers like St. Peter) and the gates of hell (Greek "hades") shall not prevail against it." (Math. 16: 18.)

Paraphrased we would understand these words to mean that Jesus established the church, which is his body, composed of many members (Col. 1: 18; Cor. 12: 12), and all the bitter and relentless persecution which has been experienced of His true followers throughout the Gospel Age and which has taken them down into hell, the grave, the same place where He went, should not prevail to her utter extermination, because in God's due time the church would be brought forth in the first resurrection. (Rev. 20: 6.)

Again Jesus said, "I am he that liveth and was dead. Behold I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of death and hell (hades, the grave)." (Rev. 1: 18.) The keys means the power to unlock. Jesus statement here is that once He was dead, but now He has been raised and is alive forevermore and has the power to unlock the tomb, the grave, the condition of death, and bring forth the dead in the time of the resurrection.

"The lake of fire and brimstone" is several times mentioned in the book of Revelation, which all Christians admit to be a book of symbols. However, most of them, under the influence of the teachings of selfish and ignorant preachers, think and speak of this particular symbol as a literal statement, and that it gives support to the eternal torment doctrine, notwithstanding the fact that the symbol is clearly defined as meaning the second death. "And death and hell was cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death, etc. (Rev. 20: 14.) It is some time spoken of as "a lake of fire burning with brimstone." (Rev. 19: 20), the element brimstone being mentioned to intensify the symbol of destruction, the second death. Burning brimstone is one of the most deadly elements known. It is destructive to all forms of life. The symbolism of this lake of fire and brimstone is further shown by the fact that the symbolic beast and the symbolic false prophet and death and hell (hades) as well as the devil and all his followers are destroyed in it. (Rev. 19: 20; 20: 10, 14, 15; 21: 8.)

Dear friends, I would be more than glad if some of these false teachers or their followers who believe in the "Lake of fire and brimstone doctrine" to tell me who is going to keep the fires burning when the Devil and all his followers are destroyed in the above mentioned lake? You know the above cited scriptures plainly state that the devil will be destroyed in that lake.

All the preachers worthy of the name know that this doctrine of Eternal Torment in a lake of fire and brimstone is absolutely false, but because of their selfish interest (love of money and undesired honors) they will not come out with the truth.

Brother Parsons, take my advice, as one who loves you if you will tell the truth, and come out for the truth boldly and live with your people. If you don't do this very soon you will find yourself backed in the corner by the demands of the people for the truth. If you wait until that condition is reached then the only thing that you could do would be to get out as quickly as you can because the sight of you would become a stench to the moral nostrils of the truth loving people.

(CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)
RICHARD J. HILL.

ELLIOTT AND HOOKER'S WEEKLY STORE NEWS

Mrs. Hooker of the Millinery Department, who has been on the sick bed is back on the job, ready to serve the ladies of Tulsa in all that is new and stylish in millinery. She extends to the ladies, an invitation to come in and see her new assortment of Hats, Veils and trimmings.

Mr. M. Erwin, traveling representative of the Elliott and Hooker store spent three days last week in Pawhuska, Okla., in the interest of the store.

Mr. T. J. Elliott, head of the Elliott Store in Muskogee, Okmulgee and Tulsa, spent a day in Tulsa last week, looking over the business here, preparatory to his trip to the Eastern markets to buy mid-summer merchandise for the three stores.

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"Massa" John Starts Fight on Pro-Fitters, But is Met More Than Half Way.

(Star News Service).

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Apr. 16.—The excessive and criminally high prices charged for clothing have caused the prominent white citizens of this city to put aside thoughts of Negro domination and to concentrate their minds upon some effective method of reducing the high cost of living, especially in the matter of clothing. Oddly enough the plan agreed upon by a group of leading white bankers, merchants, and professional men, was for them to discard their woolen business suits and wear overalls.

Now this course is especially odd because for generations the Colored laborers in the fields, factories and other commercial activities have always worn overalls. Hence every where members of our Group could be seen at work, or lounging alternately in the sun and shade, attired in the inevitable blue or striped overalls. In fact, with many laborers, dressing up merely meant changing one overall suit for another. But now, "Col." Bill and "Massa" John are to make the overall suit eminent respectable, thus discarding it as the insignia distinguishing a white gentleman from a Negro.

Certainly such a movement tending to reduce living expenses is worthy of highest commendation, but Birmingham clothing profiteers and bandits looked upon it with such disfavor, that they raised the price of overalls nearly 300 per cent thus placing them in the same class with other high priced clothing. Overall pants selling for \$2.00 were raised to \$6.00 and etc.

The Birmingham Overall Club, with a membership of 3,000, was formally organized at a mass meeting recently. Alvin Douglas, well known attorney, was elected chairman, and Theodore Lamar, business man and attorney, was made secretary. Friday was set as the day on which every member is to appear on the streets clad in overalls. A pledge was taken that they will be worn until the price of clothing "hits the toboggan."

FIRES COLORED CLERK AND APPOINTS HIS SON

St. Louis Republican Official Shows His Love of Race by Unusual Selfishness.

(Star News Service).

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Apr. 17.—James N. McKelvey, Commissioner of Public Safety and 23 Ward Republican Committeeman, last week removed the only Colored clerk he had in his department, and appointed his son. The son was then promoted to the most important job in the department. This attracted the attention and condemnation of the Associated Engineering Societies of the city.

The selfish ambition of James N. McKelvey, Commissioner of Public Safety and Twenty-third Ward Republican Committeeman, to place his whole family on the city payroll, at high salaries, has run into a snag, and there must be some explaining done. The joint council of the Associated Engineering Societies wants to know why McKelvey has appointed his youthful son without an efficiency examination, to the highly important position of chief engineer of the Building Department. The position pays \$300 a month and was filled until January 1 by one of the best and most experienced engineers in the country. The boy has been on his father's payroll since the summer of 1917, two years before he was old enough to vote.

The Third Annual Dental Day exercises under the auspices of the Ewell-Neil Dental Society at Meharry Medical College recently was a pronounced success in every respect.